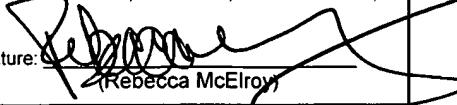


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Dear Sir:

This is in response to a Office action herein mailed 16 November 2004, time for response to which was set to expire 16 February 2005. A petition for an extension of time of two months until 16 April 2005 is enclosed, along with the required fee. All pending claims in the application were rejected on formal grounds. It is believed the present submission overcomes these grounds for rejection.